



**Ringling College
of Art + Design**

Sherman's Sitter

Written & Directed by Robb Payne III

Approximately: 6 mins. Comedy Drama

Production Dates: September 19 - 20, 2014

SYNOPSIS:

In a small suburban town in Florida only one thing can bond two rivals together, a girl. BEN BAKER (24) a 'wanna be' someone who can't get his life together happens to get caught up in a favor for the beautiful girl next door AMY (23). She's smart, funny, sweet, and takes care of her old man SHERMAN (65) not because she has to but because she wants to. What's there not to like about Amy? Nothing. What's there not to like about Ben? Well, everything according to Sherman. Can a young man who can't get things right bond with a man who's life is falling apart over the one thing they both love? SHERMANS SITTER is about the something that can bring men together and break them apart. Ben fights for her affection while Sherman fights for her protection. Shermans Sitter is about going through tough times to earn respect for the people who matter most.

CHARACTER BREAKDOWNS:

BEN BAKER (24) considered himself "The Man" back in high school, but when all of his friends grew up he got left behind in a small suburban hellhole he calls home. He comes from an upper middle class family, recently his parents split and his dad is always on leave for work while his mom is halfway across the country. Ben is essentially a loner or a lone wolf. He's always fighting for his values that aren't always the best intentions and not always right but it's what he stands for. He doesn't do things for others unless it directly benefits him. Not to mention he's always had a thing for the girl next door, AMY. He's always been too shy or too awkward to ever do anything about it though. But when fate comes knocking it's hard not to answer especially when fate just looks so good.

AMY DANIELS (23): is always wanted by the guys on the block and around campus, and for many reasons. She works; she has a bachelor's degree in psychology and is working on her graduate's degree to become a PTSD shrink. She also takes care of SHERMAN, her father, who is on his last legs, literally. She just wants to make his life as comfortable as it can be, without interfering too much or getting on his bad side. He's always been there for her, now she needs to be there for him. Some days it gets a little rough dealing with Sherman and balancing work and her own life issues. She cleans up after him, puts away the dishes, does the laundry makes sure the house looks like the way her mother would've left it, if she was still alive today. With all

this hustle and bustle she does she needs to bring in some help from the semi cute guy next door while she runs errands. How bad could he be right? After all she'll only be gone for a little bit.

SHERMAN DANIELS (65) A bitter old man who has nothing nice to say about the world cause his life is full of shit. His lungs are going out, he had a stroke recently and is high risk of a heart attack. His leg is left badly injured from a gun accident so he hobbles around on crutches from place to place inside. Sherman is a hermit and never leaves his home. He breathes through a respirator, which he knows is the cleanest air he's ever breathed. After he lost his wife Audrey, from childbirth, Amy is the only thing left holding his family together. He's always been the protector and chasing the boys away with his intimidation speeches and bitter sarcasm. He wants what's best for Amy which right now does not include BEN or any guy for that matter. Sherman knows he's not going to make it much longer but he wants peace of mind: that there is hope for Amy to have a happy future. He just needs to find the right guy for her. Or maybe the right guy could come to him.

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